

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 6 as shown below, in which deletions are indicated by strikethrough and/or double brackets, and additions are indicated by underscoring. Please add new claims 9-15. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended). A cooling system for a small watercraft in which water outside the watercraft is fed through a pump and piping to at least one cooling workpiece in a watercraft and cools the same, and then is drained from the watercraft, said cooling system comprising:

⊙ a drain hose connected to at least one portion of the cooling workpiece or to said piping where water tends to remain, and

a drain port, provided at the other end of the drain hose, comprising a valve which can be manually opened and closed to regulate fluid flow therethrough;

wherein the valve comprises a hollow elongated main body and a plug which fits inside of said main body, said plug being manually removable from said main body to allow water to drain outwardly therefrom.

Claim 2 (original). A cooling system for a small watercraft according to Claim 1, wherein the cooling system comprises a plurality of drain hoses, and a single drain valve for opening and closing the drain port, each of said drain hoses being in fluid communication with said drain valve.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The cooling system for a small watercraft according to claim 2, wherein the ~~drain valve comprises~~ a main body which includes a tapered cylindrical portion having a tapered bore formed therein, and a plurality of connecting pipes, each of the connecting pipes being integrally attached to the cylindrical portion and in fluid communication with the ~~cylindrical~~ tapered bore of the main body.

Claim 4 (original). The cooling system for a small watercraft according to Claim 3, wherein the drain valve comprises three of said connecting pipes.

Claim 5 (original). The cooling system for a small watercraft according to Claim 3, wherein the drain valve further comprises a plug having a tapered portion which fits sealingly into the tapered bore of said main body.

Claim 6 (currently amended). A cooling system for a small watercraft in which water outside the watercraft is fed through a pump and piping to at least one cooling workpiece in a watercraft and cools the same, and then is drained from the watercraft, said cooling system comprising:

a plurality of drain hoses having proximal ends respectively connected to portions of the cooling workpiece and to said piping in areas where water tends to remain, said drain hoses having distal ends remote from said proximal ends, and

a drain port, provided at the ~~other~~ distal ends of the drain hoses, which can be manually opened and closed to regulate fluid flow therethrough; said drain port comprising a single drain valve for opening and closing the drain port;

wherein the drain valve comprises a hollow elongated main body which includes a

tapered cylindrical portion having a tapered bore formed therein, and a plurality of connecting pipes, each of the connecting pipes being integrally attached to the cylindrical portion, and in fluid communication with the ~~tapered cylindrical~~ bore of the main body.

Claim 7 (original). The cooling system for a small watercraft according to claim 6, wherein the drain valve comprises three of said connecting pipes.

Claim 8 (original). The cooling system for a small watercraft according to claim 6, wherein the drain valve further comprises a plug having a tapered portion which fits sealingly into the tapered bore of said main body.

Claim 9 (new). The cooling system for a small watercraft according to claim 8, wherein said plug comprises a central shaft and a plurality of ring-shaped sealing lips operatively attached to and extending outwardly from said central shaft; and a handle attached to an end portion of said central shaft.

Claim 10 (new) A cooling system for a small watercraft in which water outside the watercraft is fed through a pump and piping to at least one cooling workpiece in a watercraft and cools the same, and then is drained from the watercraft, said cooling system comprising:

a plurality of drain hoses connected to portions of the cooling workpiece and to said piping in areas where water tends to remain, and

a drain port, provided at the other ends of the drain hoses, which can be opened and closed to regulate fluid flow therethrough; said drain port comprising a single drain valve for

opening and closing the drain port;

wherein the drain valve comprises

a main housing which includes a tapered cylindrical portion having a tapered bore formed therein, and a plurality of connecting pipes, each of the connecting pipes being integrally attached to the main housing, and in fluid communication with the tapered bore of the main housing, and

a single plug comprising a tapered portion which fits sealingly into the tapered bore of the main housing.

Claim 11 (new). The cooling system of claim 10, wherein the main housing comprises a single outlet opening positioned at a lower end thereof and coincident with a longitudinal axis of the main housing.

Claim 12 (new). The cooling system of claim 10, wherein the connecting pipes are arranged upon the main housing so as to extend in a direction normal to an axial direction of the housing.

Claim 13 (new). The cooling system of claim 10, wherein the main housing comprises a single outlet opening positioned at a lower end thereof and coincident with a longitudinal axis of the main housing, wherein the connecting pipes are arranged upon the main housing so as to extend in a direction normal to the longitudinal axis of the housing, and wherein the plug is provided with plural circumferentially extending lips positioned so as to be spaced apart in the longitudinal direction.

Claim 14 (new). The cooling system of claim 10, wherein the plug comprises a connecting portion, and wherein the main housing comprises a portion which is shaped to operatively engage the connecting portion of the plug such that when the plug is received within the main body the connecting portion maintains the plug in a sealed relationship within the main housing.

Claim 15 (new). The cooling system of claim 1, wherein said main body of said valve comprises an elongated cylindrical portion having a longitudinal axis, and a plurality of substantially parallel connecting pipes extending outwardly from said cylindrical portion, said connecting pipes being oriented substantially normal to the longitudinal axis of said cylindrical portion;

and wherein said plug comprises a central shaft and a plurality of ring-shaped sealing lips operatively attached to and extending outwardly from said central shaft; and a handle attached to an end portion of said central shaft.